

MINUTES OF AN ORGANIZATION MEETING

BROOKLYN CITY COUNCIL

January 10, 2005

5:15 p.m.

The Council and all in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Frey: "Call the roll."

Clerk Valiquette: "Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"Rich Albier."

"John Frey."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman G. Frey: "Here."

Councilman Coyne: "Here."

Councilman Albier: "Here."

Councilman J. Frey: "Here."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Here."

Councilwoman Brown: "Here."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Here."

President Frey: "Okay, the meeting was called at this time to solve two problems. One to discuss the library and the Dr. Bshara, and the other one for Organization meeting of Council. So I think we start off with the Organization meeting of the Council. And the first item is to elect the new President."

Councilman G. Frey: "I nominate John Frey for President."

Councilwoman Brown: "I nominate Kathy Pucci."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "I nominate Rich Albier."

Councilman Albier: "I second Greg Frey's nomination."

Councilman Coyne: "I second Kathy Pucci."

President Frey: "You better get that down. Anybody else got somebody to..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "I second Rich Albier."

President Frey: "...somebody nominate Donna or something?"

Clerk Valiquette: "Who was the second nomination for, Colleen or Kathy? I'm sorry."

President Frey: "I don't know, somebody nominated..."

Councilwoman Brown: "Kathy, the second is Tom Coyne."

Clerk Valiquette: "Okay, the first one was for..."

Councilman G. Frey: "John Frey, I nominated him."

Clerk Valiquette: "John Frey. For John Frey for Council President, Greg Frey."

President Frey: "Take a vote."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Clerk Valiquette: "Tom Coyne."

"Rich Albier."

"John Frey."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman Coyne: "No."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "No."

Councilwoman Brown: "Abstain."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "No."

Clerk Valiquette: "Well that's a tie vote now."

President Frey: "Due to that we'll take 30 days to decide who we do."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Now you go onto the next person."

President Frey: "I thought you people had this Organization meeting already solved."

Councilwoman Brown: "Go onto the next person."

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President Frey: "Oh, who's the next person? Rich."

Councilwoman Pucci: "No, it was me."

Councilwoman Brown: "No, Kathy."

President Frey: "Oh, Kathy."

Clerk Valiquette: "Kathy Pucci, Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"Rich Albier."

"John Frey."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman G. Frey: "No."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "No."

Councilman J. Frey: "No."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "No."

President Frey: "What have we got now?"

Clerk Valiquette: "Okay, now we have four no's, so now we're Rich."

Councilman Coyne: "Rich."

Clerk Valiquette: "For Rich Albier, Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"Rich Albier."

"John Frey."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Abstain."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Clerk Valiquette: "Rich Albier is new Council President."

Councilman Coyne: "Congratulations Rich."

Councilman G. Frey: "That a boy, Rich."

Councilman Albier: "Thank you."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Congratulations Rich."

Councilman J. Frey: "And I wish you luck."

Councilman Albier: "Thank you."

Councilman J. Frey: "Our first four years were wonderful, this last year was nothing but division and orneriness and you name it. So I award you the gavel."

President Albier: "Thank you."

Councilman J. Frey: "And you'd be best hitting people on the head with it rather than hitting the block."

President Albier: "Thank you John."

Councilman J. Frey: "My pleasure, good luck."

President Albier: "Thank you. Okay, the second order of business is to nominate a Council Pro-Tem, and I would like to nominate Colleen Gallagher for Council Pro-Tem."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Councilman Coyne: "Second."

President Albier: "Do I have any other nominations for Council Pro-Tem? Okay, nominations are closed, you should call the roll please."

Clerk Valiquette: "For Colleen Gallagher, Greg Frey."

"Tom Coyne."

"John Frey."

"Rich Albier."

"Kathy Pucci."

"Rita Brown."

"Colleen Gallagher."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Coyne: "Yea."

Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

Councilman Albier: "Yea."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Councilwoman Brown: "Congratulations."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Thank you."

President Albier: "Congratulations."

Councilman Coyne: "Congratulations."

President Albier: "I have to appoint the different committees, and I didn't approach anybody, because I didn't know what this was going to be like tonight. But I wrote down some things here, and if anybody disagrees just let me know. But the Finance Committee I have: Kathy Pucci, and I looked in the rules and I couldn't find anything against it, and since I like the Finance Committee, I put myself on the Committee, and the third one I'd like Tom Coyne, if that's alright with you."

Councilman Coyne: "Thank you Rich, I would be honored to serve on the Finance Committee."

President Albier: "Okay. Kathy, it's okay with you?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "Yes, thank you."

President Albier: "Alright. For the Public Works I have: John Frey, Tom Coyne and Greg Frey."

Councilman Coyne: "Once again, I'd be honored to serve on the Public Works."

President Albier: "Is that okay John with you?"

Councilman J. Frey: "It's okay, sure."

President Albier: "Okay. And the Safety Committee is: Gallagher, Pucci and Brown. Okay. We need someone for the Rec Board, and I know that Kathy and Colleen have been doing it for the last few years, so I'd like to know if anybody wants to volunteer to be on the Rec Board. Okay, if nobody wants to, then my process of elimination, I'm putting myself on the Rec Board."

Councilman Coyne: "Good choice."

President Albier: "And for the Police and Fire Pension Bureau I put down Rita Brown and Greg Frey."

Councilman J. Frey: "Well I wanted on that."

President Albier: "Well I've got something else for you. The Planning Commission, John Frey, I'd like you to stay there if you don't mind."

Councilman J. Frey: "I would like to stay there."

President Albier: "Okey doke. And the Fair Housing, I have Rita Brown on Fair Housing."

Councilwoman Brown: "Sure."

President Albier: "Okay. And we have one other spot we have to fill, and that's Legislative News and Update, and that's to keep the Council updated on new laws of local, county and federal, or state rather, and Mrs. Gallagher asked me if she could have that; so I'd like to appoint Mrs. Gallagher to that. And I'm not sure, but I think we have to vote on whether we want to continue with our Council rules every year."

Councilwoman Brown: "I have something to mention at the Council rules."

President Albier: "Okay."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay. I notice that we did not have a nominating procedure in Council rules. So I would suggest we put in there, 'All nominations be presented before the vote. The President shall announce three times, any other nominations, before closing the nominations and taking the vote.'"

President Albier: "Okay, I agree we should have something in there, but I think you should put it in writing, and then we'll vote on it at a later date."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay."

President Albier: "We'll add it to the rules then."

Councilwoman Brown: "Okay, I'll do that next meeting."

President Albier: "Okay."

Councilwoman Pucci: "May I be recognized?"

President Albier: "Yes."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Also as part of that, typically, rather than voting for each person individually, typically bodies, when they do the roll call for a vote, they would say the name that they're voting for. So I think that's something we need to look at. But maybe, Rita, you could get your changes together and then I could incorporate that, and then we could, you know..."

President Albier: "Sounds good."

Councilwoman Pucci: "...have it ready for the next meeting."

President Albier: "Okay, we have to take the vote yet I guess for the Council rules, that we're going to continue with them."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Actually I think we just need... We're going to vote if we're going to amend them. I don't think we need to vote if we're going to continue them."

President Albier: "Okay, well then we're set. Alright, does anybody have anything else for the Organizational meeting?"

Clerk Valiquette: "Do you have to appoint somebody for Domestic Violence and Juvenile Diversion?"

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Domestic Violence."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Domestic Violence."

President Albier: "Oh, I'm sorry."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Still keep me on that or what?"

President Albier: "I don't know if we have to appoint anybody for Juvenile Diversion. Domestic Violence?"

Councilwoman Gallagher: "No, Juvenile Diversion's not a..."

President Albier: "But Domestic Violence..."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Domestic Violence..."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Right."

President Albier: "And do you want that Mrs. Gallagher? That was your..."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yeah, I'll stay on it. I've been with the group this long."

President Albier: "Okay, I think we have everything then. Does anybody have anything else they wish to say?"

Councilwoman Pucci: "What about, the CRA? The Community Reinvestment, do we have someone on that board or no? Or no, Council appoints a person."

Mayor Patton: "We'll be ready for that next Council meeting."

Councilwoman Pucci: "Okay."

Mayor Patton: "The annual meeting won't be until around the beginning of March."

Councilwoman Pucci: "March, right. Okay."

President Albier: "Okay, do I hear a motion to adjourn?"

Councilman G. Frey: "Motion to adjourn."

Councilwoman Gallagher: "Second."

Councilwoman Brown: "Second."

Clerk Valiquette: "To adjourn, Greg Frey."
"Tom Coyne."
"John Frey."

Councilman G. Frey: "Yea."
Councilman Coyne: "Yea."
Councilman J. Frey: "Yea."

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Councilman Albier: "Yea."
Councilwoman Pucci: "Yea."
Councilwoman Brown: "Yea."
Councilwoman Gallagher: "Yea."

Meeting adjourned.

Asst. Clerk of Council

President of Council